

Mayor and City Council's Mission

The mission of the City of Scottsdale is to cultivate citizen trust by fostering and practicing open, accountable, and responsive government; providing quality core services; promoting long-term prosperity; planning and managing growth in harmony with the City's unique heritage and desert surroundings; strengthening the City's standing as a preeminent destination for tourism; and promoting livability by enhancing and protecting neighborhoods. Quality of life shall be the City's paramount consideration.



Mayor Mary Manross

Mayor Mary Manross has been Mayor of Scottsdale since June 2000. She was reelected and began her second term as Mayor in June 2004. Previously, she served two terms as a City Councilwoman from 1992 to 2000. Mayor Manross is a member of the National League of Cities (NLC) Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee, the primary group responsible for the NLC's National policy on transportation. Mayor Manross also chairs Valley Metro, serves as President of the Arizona Municipal Water Users

Association (AMWUA), is on the Executive Committee of Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), is an executive board member of The League of Arizona Cities and Towns and active with the Arizona Town Hall and Arizona Women in Municipal Government. Prior to her time in elected office, Mayor Manross held positions of leadership in community, education and church organizations. A thirty-year resident of Scottsdale, Mayor Manross holds a bachelor degree in Political Science and a secondary teaching credential.

Mayor and City Council's Broad Goals

Goal A: Neighborhoods

Enhance and protect a diverse, family-oriented community where neighborhoods are safe, protected from adverse impacts, well maintained and actively revitalized.

Goal B: Environmental Sustainability & Preservation

Preserve Scottsdale's desert environment and natural resources, and honor the City's heritage and character.

Goal C: Transportation

Strengthen the transportation system for the safe, efficient and affordable movement of people and goods.

Goal D: Economy

Position Scottsdale for short- and long-term economic prosperity by strengthening, expanding and diversifying our economic resources.

Goal E: Public Safety

Protect Scottsdale residents and visitors by providing quality public safety and homeland security services.

Goal F: Fiscal and Resource Management

Provide the means to reach other goals by ensuring Scottsdale is fiscally responsible and fair in its management of taxpayer money and City assets, and coordinates land use and infrastructure planning within the context of financial demands and available resources.

Goal G: Open and Responsive Government

Make government accessible, responsive and accountable so that decisions reflect community input and expectations.



Vice Mayor Betty Drake

Council Member Betty Drake began her first term on the Scottsdale City Council in June 2004. She has served in a wide variety of official positions and held leadership positions at the local, state and federal levels. In Scottsdale, she served from 1996 to 2002 on the Scottsdale Planning Commission, from 1993 to 1996 on the Development Review Board, in 1993 on the Historic Preservation Task Force, and in 1992 on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan Task Force. Council Member Drake has lived in Scottsdale since 1987 and has been an

Arizona resident since 1947. She has been active in community groups and her homeowner's association board. She is President of Drake & Associates, which she founded in 1979 to provide consulting services in city planning, public art, bicycle and pedestrian planning and urban design. She holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of California at Berkeley.



Councilman Wayne Ecton

Councilman Wayne Ecton was elected to his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in March 2002. Councilman Ecton was the Chairperson of the three member City Council Budget Subcommittee for the FY 2005/06 budget. He previously served on the 2004/05 City Council Budget Subcommittee, the 2001/2002 Citizens Budget Committee and the Big Box Ideas Team, which helped the City develop an ordinance to regulate the placement and appearance of "big box" retail buildings. A Scottsdale resident since 1996, Councilman Ecton is a member

of the Coalition of Pinnacle Peak, the Greater Pinnacle Peak Homeowners Association, Friends of the McDowell Land Trust and the Foothills Community Foundation. He also is a member of the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, the Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass, the American Craft Council and the Glass Art Society. Councilman Ecton retired from Alcoa after 33 years in high-level financial management positions in the U.S. corporate headquarters and International and U. S. operating locations. Councilman Ecton holds a bachelor's degree in business. He was also a member of the Financial Executives Institute until his retirement.



Councilman W.J. "Jim" Lane

Councilman W. J. "Jim" Lane began his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in June 2004. Councilman Lane served on the 2002 Scottsdale Fire & EMS Advisory Committee, which was convened to evaluate and make recommendations to the City regarding fire and emergency medical services operations and costs. In 2003, he volunteered to co-chair the "Know Enough to Vote NO Committee" to oppose ballot measures to end the City's contract with Rural/Metro Corp. for fire and emergency medical services. His community service also

includes six years on the YMCA Board of Management. He came to Scottsdale from New Jersey in 1973 to take a position with KPMG (Peat Marwick), an international public accounting firm. He worked as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) for twenty years with five of those years in the Public Accounting and Auditing Division. Councilman Lane has owned or operated businesses in construction, mining, computer technology, telecommunications and regional aviation. He currently owns a telecommunications and Internet consulting company, Chatham Hill Group LLC, headquartered in the Scottsdale Airpark. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Saint Joseph's University.



Councilman Robert Littlefield

Councilman Robert Littlefield was elected to his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in May 2002. He previously served as the Chairman of the 2004/05 City Council Budget Subcommittee. He is the founder and president of NetXpert Systems, Inc., a Scottsdale-based computer

company. He also is a commercial pilot and flight instructor. Councilman Littlefield has been involved in a variety of civic, youth and professional organizations. He is a member and former director of the Arizona Software & Internet Association, the Arizona Pilot's Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Federation of Independent Business, American Legion, Kiwanis Club and Civitan. A Vietnam combat veteran, Councilman Littlefield served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970 and in the Arizona Army National Guard from 1971 to 1974. Councilman Littlefield holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from Arizona State University.



Councilman Kevin J. Osterman

Councilman Kevin J. Osterman began his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in June 2004. Councilman Osterman was a member of the City Council Budget Subcommittee for the FY 2005/06 budget. Councilman Osterman was a member of the Scottsdale Planning Commission from 2000 to 2003. He also served on the 2000 Citizens

Budget Committee and Bond Review Committee, and on the Mayor's Gang Task Force. He first moved to Arizona in 1970, and has been a resident of Scottsdale since 1993. He has been involved with a variety of civic, youth, and professional organizations. He is a member of the Association for Conflict Resolution, the Arizona Alternative Dispute Resolution Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and the Arizona Pilot's Association. He is also a certified mediation trainer with the Arizona Alternative Dispute Resolution Association. Councilman Osterman holds a bachelor's degree in management and a master's degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix. He is a graduate of Arizona State University's Institute for Public Executives.



Councilman Ron McCullagh

Councilman Ron McCullagh began his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in June 2004. Councilman McCullagh was a member of the City Council Budget Subcommittee for the FY 2005/06 budget. Councilman McCullagh has lived in the Valley for 28 years and in Scottsdale for the past 12 years. His career

experience includes six years as a university professor and 20 years as a businessman in the financial services industry. He is retired. He is Past President of Valley Citizens League and serves on its board of directors. He also serves on the boards of Scottsdale Sister Cities, Scottsdale Rotary Club and the District 8 Republican Committee. He also is a member of the Scottsdale Leadership Class XVIII, Arizona Town Hall, the Arizona Tax Research Association, and the Arizona League of Women Voters. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business from the University of North Dakota, and a doctorate in business administration from the University of Florida. He is active with civic duties, he enjoys tennis, sailing, hiking and golf.